

Special Issue

Peony as the Newly-Emerged Queen of the Field-Grown Ornamentals

Message from the Guest Editor

Dear colleagues, Peony is now as a new queen: it has become the first lady among field-cultivated cut flowers. Its recent career is dazzling worldwide. Whilst it was popular in the second half of the 19th century, it finally found its way back into consumer hearts in the 21st century. Amazingly, many old cultivars are still appreciated, and with impressive statistics. The most popular 'Sarah Bernard' is 115 years old and still beats all other cultivars combined. Cut peonies in six flower shapes and different colors are fragrant, have elegant foliage and good keeping qualities. Their ability to withstand long cold storage and transport increased commercial interest, allowing a more even distribution and a global turnover. I would like to invite you to contribute a research article, a review, short notes or an opinion letter to our Special Issue "Peony as the Newly-Emerged Queen of the Field-Grown Ornamentals".

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